GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2487
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Population of Forest Villages
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of tribals and other traditional dwellers living in forest villages in the country, State/UT-wise;
(b) whether the Government is aware of tribal and other traditional dwellers living in forest villages that are denied the privileges under the Forest Land Area Act and if so, the details in this regard; and
(c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to recognize such village as revenue villages and give their entitlements?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI JASWANTSINH BHABHOR)

(a): As per Census 2011, State/UT-wisetotal population and Scheduled Tribe population of Forest Villages in the countryare given at Annexure 1.
(b): The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (in short FRA) has been enacted to recognize and record rights of forest dwellers who have been residing in such forests for generations and whose rights could not be recorded; and also to empower them and their community institutions as statutory authorities with the power to protect and manage forests.
(c): This Ministry has issued guidelines, in compliance of Section 3 (1) (h) of "The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, on conversion of forest villages, old habitations, unsurveyed villages in forests, whether recorded, notified or not into revenue villages vide letter No.23011/33/2010-FRA dated 08.11.2013. Status of conversion of Forest Villages to Revenue Villages based on the information received from the State Governments is given at Annexure 2.

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Annexure 1 referred to part (a) of LokSabha Unstarred Question No. 2487 for 31.07.2017 regarding "Population of Forest Villages".
State wise Number and Population of Forest Villages

State Code	India/State/UT	No. of Forest Villages	Population	Scheduled Tribe Population
INDIA		4,526	22,06,011	13,32,265
01	Jammu & Kashmir	41	82,652	56,539
02	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0
03	Punjab	0	0	0
04	Chandigarh	0	0	0
05	Uttarakhand	421	1,87,432	2,538
06	Haryana	0	0	0
07	NCT of Delhi	0	0	0
08	Rajasthan	0	0	0
09	Uttar Pradesh	89	44,178	1,523
10	Bihar	0	0	0
11	Sikkim	51	3,691	893
12	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0
13	Nagaland	0	0	0
14	Manipur	0	0	0
15	Mizoram	0	0	0
16	Tripura	0	0	0
17	Meghalaya	0	0	0
18	Assam	897	7,65,098	3,29,445
19	West Bengal	0	0	0
20	Jharkhand	14	6,575	5,762
21	Orissa	47	2,544	2,120
22	Chhattisgarh	658	2,17,123	1,79,423
23	Madhya Pradesh	1165	7,37,837	6,35,671
24	Gujarat	162	38,047	29,624
25	Daman & Diu	0	0	0
26	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0
27	Maharashtra	73	81,675	80,181

28 Andhra Pradesh 3 341 341
29 Karnataka 0 0 0
30 Goa 0 0 0
31 Lakshadweep 0 0 0
32 Kerala 0 0 0
33 Tamil Nadu 736 23,125 7,764
34 Puducherry 0 0 0
35 A & N Islands 169 15,693 441
Source: Primary Census Abstract, 2011

Annexure 2 referred to part (c) of LokSabha Unstarred Question No. 2487 for 31.07.2017 regarding "Population of Forest Villages".

Status of conversion of Forest Villages to Revenue Villages as per Forest Rights Act,2006 based on the information received from the State Governments.

S.No Name of the State Forest village to Revenue village
1. Madhya Pradesh 925 Forest Villages to be converted to Revenue Villages
2 Maharashtra All Forest villages are in the process of conversion into revenue villages
3 Chhattisgarh 421 Forest villages converted to Revenue villages
4 West Bengal 86 Forest villages converted to Revenue villages
5 Odisha Recorded 22 Forest Villages and unsurveyed habitations identified for being converted to Revenue villages
6 Gujarat 175 have been identified for conversion to Revenue villages
7 Uttar Pradesh 6 have been converted to Revenue Villages.
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